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This document was first cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated January 26, 2004, is enclosed.

In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that EP 0 521 673 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Also cited in the European Search Report was U.S. Patent No. 5,365,311, which was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 20, 2000. Accordingly, U.S. Patent No. 5,365,311 is not being cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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